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SUBJECT: GREEK PERMREP COMMENTS ON GREEK-NATO RELATIONS
AND GREEK INQUIRY RE NAMSA SALES TO TURKEY

1. ACTING SYG PANSA VOLUNTEERED TO DCM AUGUST 24 THAT GREEK PERMREP, ACTING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, HAD ASKED HIM FOR ASSISTANCE IN TRACKING DOWN SPECIFIC ITEMS WHICH TURKEY HAS PURCHASED FROM NAMSA. PANSA SAID GREEK PERMREP COMMENTED THAT ATHENS INQUIRY WAS PROMPTED BY US CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST.

2. PANSA SAID HE TOLD GREEK PERMREP THAT NAMSA REGULATIONS WOULD NOT PERMIT NATO SECRETARIAT TO TURN OVER SUCH INFORMATION TO GREECE. HE RECOMMENDED THAT GREECE INSTRUCT ITS MEMBER ON THE NAMSA BOARD TO PURSUE THE MATTER.

3. PANSA ALSO COMMENTED THAT GREEK PERMREP HAD TOLD HIM UNDER INSTRUCTIONS THAT GREECE WANTED TO MOVE AHEAD RAPIDLY ON GREECE-NATO NEGOTIATIONS. GREEK PERMREP SAID ATHENS WANTED TO SPEED UP NEGOTIATIONS BECAUSE IT WAS CONCERNED THAT TURKISH "OBSTRUCTIONISM" ON PROGRAMS OF INTEREST TO GREECE IN NATO WAS CREATING DIFFICULTIES FOR GREECE (GREEK PERMREP HAD MADE SIMILAR COMMENTS TO DCM ON PREVIOUS DAY).

4. GREEK PERMREP ALSO TOLD PANSA GREECE RECOGNIZED ACTION ON GREEK-NATO FRONT, WHICH REQUIRED TURKISH SUPPORT, WAS LINKED TO ACTION ON DCA'S. IN SOMEWHAT CONTRADICTIONARY REMARK, HOWEVER, GREEK PERMREP SAID GREECE WAS HOPEFUL THAT US CONGRESS WOULD NOT MOVE RAPIDLY ON TURKISH AND GREEK DCA'S BECAUSE IT WAS GENUINELY CONCERNED OVER POSSIBLE TURKISH ATTACK AND BELIEVED ANYTHING WHICH WEAKENED TURKEY MILITARILY WOULD BENEFIT GREECE.

5. DEPT PLEASE REPEAT TO SECDEF AND USNMR SHAPE.
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